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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR (PT) -- APPROACH BY

JOSE MARTINS

REF: (A) LISBON 1442, (B) 75 LISBON 2954,

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1. REFERENCE TO "WILCOX" IN PARA 5 OF REF A SUGGESTS MARTINS IS INDIVIDUAL WHO CONTACTED JAKARTA EMBOFF BY THAT NAME IN AUGUST 1975 (MEMCON BEING POUCHED LISBON) REQUESTING US INTERVENTION IN TIMOR ON BEHALF OF APODETI IN OPPOSING "SOVIET-BACKED" UDT COUP. (HE IS PROBABLY ALSO INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO IN REF B.) EMBASSY ISSUED MARTINS C-2 VISA ON INDONESIAN PASSPORT AS MEMBER OF PRO-INDONESIAN TIMORESE DELEGATION TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE IN DECEMBER 1975, WHICH PRESUMABLY ACCOUNTS FOR HIS POSSESSION OF INDONESIAN UN CARD (SEE ALSO REF C).

2. FOR INFORMATION OF ADDRESSEES, "MARTINS" GAVE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN DEC. 8, 1975 VISA
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APPLICATION: NAME - CELESTINO JOSE SILVA MARTINUS;

NATIONALITY - PORTUGUESE; BORN SEPT. 29, 1941 AT "OLIVAIS, LISBOS"; PROFESSION - JOURNALIST; HIEGHT 1.6 METERS; EYES BROWN; HAIR BLACK (CLOSE CROPPED, ACCORDING TO PHOTO WHICH ALSO SHOWS CLIPPED BLACK MUSTACHE, HIGH CHEEKBONES AND FOREHEAD, ANGULAR CHIN AND SOMEWHAT PROTRUDING EARS). MARTINS STATED ON APPLICATION HE HAD NEVER BEEN IN U.S. BEFORE, BUT STATED IN AUGUST '75 MEETING WITH EMBOFF HE HAD SPENT YEAR IN U.S. AT ONE POINT. IN THAT MEETING, HIS SPOKEN EMGLISH WAS FAIRLY GOOD, SUGGESTING SUBSTANTIAL CONTACT WITH ENGLISH SPEAKERS AT SOME POINT.

3. COMMENT: OUR CONTACT WITH MARTINS SUPPORTS LISBON EMBOFF IMPRESSION OF HIM AS SLIGHTLY UNSTABLE -- OR AT LEAST ERRATIC -- AND HAVING A TENDENCY TO EXAGGERATE. OUR FILES INDICATE HIS ATTITUDES TOWARDS INDONESIAN INVOLVEMENT IN PT HAVE RANGED FROM STRONGLY PRO TO STRONGLY CON, DEPENDING SOMEWHAT ON CURRENT CONDITIONS AND WHOM HE WAS WITH AT THE TIME. (IN AUGUST MEETING HE WAS IN COMPANY OF INDONESIAN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE.) UNLIKE UDT, KOTA PARTY AND ITS LEADERS APPEAR TO HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE STANDING IN PT AFFAIR EXCEPT FOR BRIEF MOMENT IN SUN AS MEMBER OF PRO-INDONESIAN COALITION, WHICH MOMENT, JUDGING FROM REF A, MAY WELL BE ENDING.

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